

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:35 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, without amendment:

S. 66. An act to require the Inter-Agency Task Force on Harmful Algal Blooms and Hypoxia to develop a plan for reducing, mitigating, and controlling harmful algal blooms and hypoxia in South Florida, and for other purposes.

S. 1872. An act to award a Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the United States Army Rangers Veterans of World War II in recognition of their extraordinary service during World War II.

S. 4119. An act to reauthorize the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act.

The message further announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 224. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 5302 Galveston Road in Houston, Texas, as the “Vanessa Guillen Post Office Building”.

H.R. 700. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 303 East Mississippi Avenue in Elwood, Illinois, as the “Lawrence M. ‘Larry’ Walsh Sr. Post Office”.

H.R. 847. An act to support research on privacy enhancing technologies and promote responsible data use, and for other purposes.

H.R. 935. An act to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to exempt from registration brokers performing services in connection with the transfer of ownership of smaller privately held companies.

H.R. 1437. An act to amend the Weather Research and Forecasting Innovation Act of 2017 to direct the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to provide comprehensive and regularly updated Federal precipitation information, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2499. An Act to amend chapter 81 of title 5, United States Code, to create a presumption that a disability or death of a Federal employee in fire protection activities caused by any of certain diseases is the result of the performance of such employees duty, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5324. An act to provide guidance for and investment in the upgrade and modernization of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Weather Radio All Hazards network, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5900. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2016 East 1st Street in Los Angeles, California, as the “Marine Corps Reserve PVT Jacob Cruz Post Office”.

H.R. 5911. An act to amend the Federal Deposit Insurance Act and the Federal Credit Union Act to expand employment opportunities for those with a previous minor criminal offense, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5914. An act to amend the Investor Protection and Securities Reform Act of 2010 to provide grants to States for enhanced protection of senior investors and senior policyholders, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6386. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 450 West Schaumburg Road in Schaumburg, Illinois, as the “Veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan Memorial Post Office Building”.

H.R. 6891. An act to exclude government officials of the Russian Federation from certain international meetings, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6899. An act to prohibit the Secretary of the Treasury from engaging in trans-

actions involving the exchange of Special Drawing Rights issued by the International Monetary Fund that are held by the Russian Federation or Belarus.

H.R. 7066. An act to require United States financial institutions to ensure entities and persons owned or controlled by the institution comply with financial sanctions on the Russian Federation and the Republic of Belarus to the same extent as the institution itself, and for other purposes.

H.R. 7077. An act to require the United States Fire Administration to conduct on-site investigations of major fires, and for other purposes.

H.R. 7081. An act to seek immediate bilateral, multilateral, and commercial debt service payment relief for Ukraine.

MEASURES REFERRED

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H.R. 224. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 5302 Galveston Road in Houston, Texas, as the “Vanessa Guillen Post Office Building”; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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H.R. 3525. An act to establish the Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Museum of Asian Pacific American History and Culture, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-138. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Wisconsin recognizing the importance of oil and natural gas pipelines for Wisconsin and its economy; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 90

Whereas, the State of Wisconsin relies on, and will continue to rely on for many years, natural gas, gasoline, diesel jet fuel, and other products, and in order to fuel our economy, the State of Wisconsin will need more natural gas and oil while also requiring additional alternative energy sources; and

Whereas, pipelines transport energy safely through energy highways, taking natural gas, oil, and petroleum products over vast distances from often remote locations to the populated places where we need the products; and

Whereas, 97 percent of the Canadian natural gas and oil used in the United States is delivered by pipelines, and in the U.S., pipelines deliver 66 percent of crude oil and refined products and almost all natural gas; and

Whereas, Wisconsin’s agriculture industry is an economic driver, contributing \$104.8 billion annually to the state’s economy in 2017 and supporting 435,700 jobs, 11.8 percent of the state’s employment; over half of the direct energy used in crop and livestock production comes from distillate fuel; and in 2019, Wisconsin farmers consumed over 113 million gallons of distillate fuel; and

Whereas, Wisconsin’s agriculture industry also depends on petroleum fuels to transport

agricultural goods from farm to processor to market, with Wisconsin exporting more than \$3.37 billion of agricultural and food products in 2020 to 145 countries; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the members of the Wisconsin State Legislature support continued and increased development and delivery of oil derived from North American oil reserves to American refineries; and, be it further

Resolved, That it is the sense of the legislature that everything should be done to support continued and increased development and delivery of oil from Canada to the United States and support the development, maintenance and operation of pipelines in the United States to ensure America's energy independence, improve our national security and enhance global stability, reduce consumer energy costs, create new jobs, and strengthen ties between the United States and Canada; and, be it further

Resolved, That the chief clerk of the senate is hereby directed to transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the Speaker and Clerk of the U.S. House of Representatives, the President Pro Tempore and Secretary of the U.S. Senate, the members of the Wisconsin congressional delegation, and to the news media of Wisconsin.

POM-139. A joint resolution adopted by the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee urging the President of the United States and the United States Congress to utilize all available options to effect the full removal of Russian financial institutions from SWIFT as an appropriate and effective sanction against Russia's invasion of Ukraine; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1147

Whereas, Russia's heinous, unprovoked invasion of Ukraine has brought death and despair to the Ukrainian people and threatened the peace and security of Europe; and

Whereas, many Western nations, including the United States, have imposed sanctions against Russian banks, but in the face of this blatant warmongering, the "nuclear option" of banking, the full removal of Russian banks from international finance infrastructure, should be invoked; and

Whereas, the Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunication (SWIFT) was founded in 1973 to replace the telex and is now used by more than 11,000 financial institutions to send secure messages and payment orders; because there is no globally accepted alternative, SWIFT is essential infrastructure for global finance; and

Whereas, fully removing Russia from SWIFT would make it nearly impossible for financial institutions to transfer money in or out of the country, delivering a sudden shock to Russian companies and their foreign customers, especially buyers of oil and gas exports denominated in U.S. dollars; and

Whereas, according to experts, fully excluding Russia from SWIFT would terminate all international transactions, trigger currency volatility, cause massive capital outflows, and result in the Russian economy shrinking by an estimated five percent; and

Whereas, there is precedent for banning from SWIFT a nation that has thumbed its nose at the European Union; Iranian banks were disconnected from SWIFT in 2012 after they were sanctioned by the European Union over the country's nuclear program; and

Whereas, the efficacy of such sanctions was proven when Iran lost almost half of its oil export revenue and thirty percent of its foreign trade following the disconnection; and

Whereas, the Foreign Minister of Ukraine has urged that Russia be banned from SWIFT, and we agree that this is an appro-

priate response to the nation's cynical attack on Ukraine's sovereignty and the future peace and prosperity of Europe and all of Western democracy; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the One Hundred Twelfth General Assembly of the State of Tennessee, the House of Representatives Concurring, That we urge and encourage President Biden and the United States Congress to utilize all available options to effect the full removal of Russian financial institutions from SWIFT as an appropriate and effective sanction against Russia's invasion of Ukraine. Be it further

Resolved, that we urge and encourage President Biden to immediately expel from the United States all Russian diplomatic personnel. Be it further

Resolved, that we urge and encourage President Biden and the United States Congress to immediately ban all imports from Russia. Be it further

Resolved, that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States; the Speaker and the Clerk of the U.S. House of Representatives; the President and the Secretary of the U.S. Senate; and each member of Tennessee's Congressional delegation.

POM-140. A communication from the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico submitting the first partial report on House Resolution No. 446 and requesting its approval; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. DURBIN for the Committee on the Judiciary.

Rachelle L. Crowe, of Illinois, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Illinois for the term of four years.

Jesse A. Laslovich, of Montana, to be United States Attorney for the District of Montana for the term of four years.

Alexander M.M. Uballez, of New Mexico, to be United States Attorney for the District of New Mexico for the term of four years.

(Nominations without an asterisk were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mr. WYDEN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. MARKEY, Ms. BALDWIN, Ms. WARREN, Mr. REED, Mr. BROWN, Mr. CARDIN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Ms. SMITH, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Mr. MERKLEY):

S. 4192. A bill amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to end the tax subsidy for employer efforts to influence their workers' exercise of their rights around labor organizations and engaging in collective action; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. BALDWIN (for herself, Mr. DAINES, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. KING, Ms. WARREN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BRAUN, and Mrs. BLACKBURN):

S. 4193. A bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the brave women

who served in World War II as members of the U.S. Army Nurse Corps and U.S. Navy Nurse Corps; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. CARPER (for himself and Mrs. CAPITO):

S. 4194. A bill to amend the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 to reauthorize the volunteer services, community partnership, and refuge education programs of the National Wildlife Refuge System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself and Mr. TILLIS):

S. 4195. A bill to authorize music-related exchange programs facilitated by the Department of State and relevant private sector partnerships, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. HEINRICH (for himself and Mr. TESTER):

S. 4196. A bill to amend the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo and Alabama and Coushatta Indian Tribes of Texas Restoration Act to restore an opportunity for Tribal economic development on terms that are equal and fair, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Ms. ERNST:

S. 4197. A bill to establish a competitive bidding process for the relocation of the headquarters of Executive agencies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 4198. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through the Administrator of the Health Resources and Services Administration, to award grants for providing evidence-based caregiver skills training to caregivers of children with autism spectrum disorder and other developmental disabilities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. LANKFORD (for himself and Ms. SINEMA):

S. 4199. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to require that a court decree, court order, or other similar process expressly provides for an annuity supplement payment; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. BOOZMAN, and Mrs. GILLIBRAND):

S. 4200. A bill to establish a Secure Research Data Network; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BENNET:

S. 4201. A bill to establish a new Federal body to provide reasonable oversight and regulation of digital platforms; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. MARKEY, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. WARNER, Mr. MORAN, and Mr. MENENDEZ):

S. 4202. A bill to require an annual budget estimate for the initiatives of the National Institutes of Health pursuant to reports and recommendations made under the National Alzheimer's Project Act; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. WARNER, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MORAN, and Mr. MENENDEZ):

S. 4203. A bill to extend the National Alzheimer's Project; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SANDERS (for himself, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BOOKER, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LUJÁN, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. SCHATZ, Ms. WARREN, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):